

Fall 2000

In Motion

Bicycle / Pedestrian Vision Newsletter

Governor Christine Todd Whitman • Commissioner James Weinstein

NJDOT moves bike program forward

The NJDOT continues its aggressive response to Governor Whitman's commitment to accommodate bicyclists on 2,000 more miles by identifying 11 new stretches of roadway to bring up to bikeway standards. They appear on the chart at right.

ROUTE #	MILE POSTS	PROJECTED MILEAGE	COUNTIES	IMPROVEMENTS
12	0 - 11.69	11.69	Hunterdon	Designate as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane. Spot improvements as needed.
40	1.70 - 47	45.3	Salem/Atlantic	Spot improvements to achieve bike compatibility. (Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane)
44	0 - 9.6	9.6	Gloucester	Spot improvements to achieve bike compatibility; possible designation as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane.
45	0 - 22	22	Salem	Spot improvements to achieve bike compatibility. (Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane)
47	0 - 40	40	Cape May	Designate as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane. Spot improvements as needed.
49	0 - 38	38	Cumberland	Spot improvements to achieve bike compatibility; possible designation as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane.
49	38 - 53.7	15.7	Cape May	Designate as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane. Spot improvements as needed.
50	0 - 26.8	26.8	Atlantic/Cape May	Designate as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane. Spot improvements as needed.
54	0 - 11	11	Atlantic	Designate as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane.
72	0 - 26.7	26.7	Burlington/Ocean	Spot improvements to achieve bike compatibility. (Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane)
77	0 - 22.5	22.5	Gloucester/Cumberland	Designate as Bike Route/Hybrid Bike Lane.
Total Possible Miles:				269.29



Governor announces NJ TRANSIT's "Rack n' Roll"

Burlington City's Promenade was the scene of Governor Christine Todd Whitman's announcement of NJ TRANSIT's "Rack n' Roll" initiative. The program invites bicyclists to ride to NJ TRANSIT bus stops and load their bikes onto racks attached to the front of NJ TRANSIT buses. More than 1,000 bus riders have already used racks on 262 southern New Jersey buses. They will soon be available on northern New Jersey buses.

NJ TRANSIT Executive Director Jeffrey Warsh said, "Leave your car at home, take your bike to rack n' roll!"

Jeffrey Warsh, Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT, shows how easy it is to "Rack n' Roll."

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Status of NJDOT funding programs...

Centers of Place yields two pedestrian projects

The Centers of Place program granted \$232,000 to two municipalities.

Cape May City received \$110,000 for a pedestrian link from the Transportation Center to the Washington Street Mall and Freehold Borough received \$122,000 for the Market Yard pedestrian sidewalk.

The Division of Local Government Services and Economic Development (DLGS) received 47 applications totaling more than \$9 million for the \$1.5 million in available funds for this program.

The Centers of Place program is

designed to assist municipalities that have formally participated in the implementation of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan. It provides an opportunity to apply for funds to support non-traditional transportation improvements that advance municipal growth management objectives.

In August letters were sent to eligible municipalities requesting applications for FY 2001 available funding of \$2 million. The deadline was October 20. Announcements should take place in January.

More ways to reach DLGS*

Applications for NJDOT's programs and award announcements are posted on our web site at www.state.nj.us/transportation/lgs/

Representatives will also be available to answer your questions at consulting tables at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference at the Atlantic City Convention Center on Thursday, November 16.

* Division of Local Government Services

New Transportation Trust Fund line items set for bicyclist/pedestrian safety

Last spring the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) requested locally initiated bicyclist/pedestrian projects to be funded out of separate Transportation Trust Fund line items of \$9 million and \$5 million, respectively.

The Division received 103 applications for bicycle projects totaling \$29,056,841 and 224 applications for pedestrian projects totaling \$32,906,904. Counties were also invited to apply. Announcements of awards will be made in late fall.

Time to apply: transportation enhancements

Application packages for the FY 2001 Transportation Enhancements program worth \$11.06 million were mailed in October to every municipality and county. Nonprofit organizations may also apply. Application deadline is February 2, 2001.

Successful applications will be those designed to foster more livable communities, preserve and protect environmental and cultural resources, and promote alternative modes of transportation.

This year the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) included a list of all 12 eligible categories on the application form. The package also included the new Transportation Enhancements handbook.

Announcements are expected to be made late spring 2001.



In Motion reports on NJDOT's ongoing bicycle and pedestrian programs as well as our progress in achieving Governor Whitman's New Jersey FIRST bicycle and pedestrian initiatives. The Governor has committed to improving pedestrian safety and to adding "2,000 more miles" of bicycle accommodations over the next 10 years.

For more information or to submit ideas for this newsletter, please call Bill Feldman, NJDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate, at 609-530-8062 or Rose Ann Scotti, Executive Staff Associate, at 609-530-4284.

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12 more towns to receive planning help

The RBA Group, F.R. Harris, Urbitran, Louis Berger and Parsons Brinckerhoff have been awarded two-year contracts to provide professional services for several of the Department's bicycle/pedestrian program initiatives.

The consultants will do bicyclist/pedestrian planning in communities on a waiting list for participation in NJDOT's Local Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program. Studies will begin in Mendham, Manasquan, Franklin and South Brunswick Townships ("Kingston Initiative"), Medford, Summit, Boonton, Oaklyn, Somerdale and South River.

Studies will also be conducted for Passaic and Middlesex counties. In addition to developing project concepts to address needs or opportunities, the studies will identify possible funding sources for recommended projects.



Governor Whitman, accompanied by local school children, rides in Burlington City.

Delaware River Heritage Trail named Community Trail 2000

The Delaware River Heritage Trail has been designated a Community Trail 2000 and will be marked as a Millennium Trail. It will carry the White House Millennium Council logo. A trail map and description will be included in a new national trails database.

"It's a wonderful state to see by the seat of a bike," said Governor Whitman at the recent event marking this designation. She also renewed her commitment to build 2,000 more miles of bike paths over the next decade.

Community Trail 2000 is a partnership

between the White House Millennium Council and the US Department of Transportation in association with the Rails to Trails Conservancy.

The portion of the Delaware River Heritage Trail in Burlington City has been funded through a grant awarded by the NJDOT and is expected to be completed within a year. In addition, Burlington County officials are in receipt of a scoping grant of \$350,000 from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to develop other portions of the trail.

Bridge projects to include bicyclist/pedestrian plans

"Where feasible, projects will be designed to include bicycle-compatible roadways and the appropriate pedestrian accommodations."

- NJDOT policy

NJDOT sent a letter in June to all county governments urging them to include bicycle/pedestrian planning in all projects funded under the Statewide Transportation and Local Bridge Bond Act of 1999 and the

Transportation Trust Fund Local Bridge Rehabilitation Program.

Governor Whitman's NJ FIRST transportation vision plan is a blueprint for a world-class transportation system to expand mobility options by developing alternative forms of travel. Part of this vision includes a commitment to build 2,000 miles of bike paths or bike-compatible

roadways by the year 2008.

NJDOT policy emphasizes the importance of this effort and county officials were urged to include provisions for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations when developing bridge projects so that "we can together close the gaps in our transportation infrastructure," according to the letter.

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NJDOT to study technology for walkers

An NJDOT study conducted by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will determine the effectiveness of a new lighted pedestrian crosswalk system in Denville Township on Savage Road at the intersection of Route 46 and Franklin Road. It is called the Flightlight System.

Besides its effectiveness in reducing pedestrian/vehicular accidents, the study will test the lighted crosswalk's effectiveness during poor weather conditions, its impact on vehicle and pedestrian flow, visibility, pedestrian behavior using crosswalks with and without the lighting, and the effectiveness of the signal day and night.

The system is also being studied at a location on Burlington County Route 616 in Pemberton Township.

NJDOT is also testing signals for sight- and hearing-impaired pedestrians: a tactile signal on Route 322 at Rowan

University in Glassboro and an audio signal at Broadway and Marne Road in Gloucester Township.

Kids' bike safety is theme of posters

NJDOT promoted three bicycle safety messages in a poster series mailed to all K-8 public and private schools and county libraries this spring. The posters were distributed with a greeting from Commissioner James Weinstein and a copy of the New Jersey Bicycle Manual.



Always wear your helmet.



For more bicycle info and some other fun stuff, visit us at njcommuter.com